1	2	3
23	Uttar Pradesh	45985
24	Uttaranchal	7208
25	Gujarat	6975
26	Maharashtra	26720
27	Daman & Diu	4
28	Goa	78
29	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	23
30	Andhra Pradesh	24758
31	Karnataka	16836
32	Kerala	22517
33	Tamil Nadu	20566
34	Lakshadweep	12
35	Pondicherry	363
	TOTAL	295941

Losses of MTNL and BSNL

2103. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL and MTNL have suffered heavy losses recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether MTNL has to recover more than Rs. 700 crores from its consumers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by MTNL to recover the said amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The outstanding dues of MTNL, inclusive of dues of January 2006, are Rs. 1174 Crores at the end of January, 2006. These relate to bills issued over a period of more than 10 years, and constitute a mere 1.69% of the billed amount. Steps taken by MTNL to recover such dues include persuation, arbitration proceedings, and filing of recovery suits in suitable cases.

Shortage of IT Professionals

2104. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the report by McKinsey, India is required to produce 23 lakh technology experts by the year 2010 to maintain its superiority in IT and Business Process Outsourcing;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is short by 5 lakh tech-experts so as to meet the demand; and

(c) if so, what long-term and short-term plans Government and NASSCOM have to meet this demand by 2010?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) NASSCOM-McKinsey Report 2005 indicates that in order to sustain the current market share, India will need 23 lakhs IT and BPO workforce by 2010.

(b) The Report projects a potential shortfall of nearly 5 lakh qualified employees-nearly 70% of which will be concentrated in Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) industry.

(c) The assessment of human resource requirement for the IT sector is a continuous process. Government of India along with Industry association like NASSCOM have been continuously looking at this sector's requirement from time to time. Government of India had set up a Task Force on 'Human Resource Development in Information Technology' with the main objective to prepare a long-term strategy for significantly increasing